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NEW POST

First Chicago American Legion post to plan its own headquarters building is No. 271, the Darius-Girenas Post, which will erect this structure as a community hall at 4414 S. Western av.

Legion to Erect Community Hall

The first American Legion post building to be erected in the city will be built this Spring by the Darius-Girenas Post No. 271.

Ultra-modern in construction, the building, which will cost $25,000, will be erected as a community hall at 4414 S. Western av.

It will be called the American Legion Memorial Hall in memory of Capt. Stephen Darius, and Lieut. Stanley Girenas, brave Chicago Lithuanian fliers who were killed six years ago near the end of a nonstop flight from New York to Kaunas, Lithuania.

MANY ARE LITHUANIANS.

Most of the members of the Darius-Girenas Post are Chicagoans of Lithuanian blood who fought in the World War. Several of the members have been decorated for their bravery during the war. The post also has an active woman's auxiliary and junior members.

The building will be two stories, with small meeting rooms and a library and museum on the first floor and a large auditorium on the second floor, according to Barney R. Pietkiewicz, 2608 W. Forty-seventh st., chairman of the building committee.

ZURIS HEADS COMMITTEE.

Judge John T. Zuris of the Municipal Court is honorary chairman of the committee. Others on the committee are John Kelly-Kaledinskas, John Sholteman, Post Commander William Sebastian, Frank Krausauskis, Julius Balchunas, William Kareiva, Joseph A. Kibort, John Czaikauskas.

And Dan Sebastian, Anton Ramon, John Barsketis, J. J. Ezerskis, John Yuska, Dr. Stephen Biezis, Thomas Mazenis, M. A. Massey, Joseph A. Mickeliunas, Thomas Shamis, A. H. Kasper and Anthony Precin.

The dedication of the property where the post now stands.

President Marian Sebastian and Auxiliary members helped the Post realize its dream of having its own headquaters. Financial aid of $2,000.00 was donated along with their fullest cooperation in all its undertakings. When the building was complete, the Unit donated velour fire-proof stage curtains.

Many awards were presented to the Unit. They received a Rehabilitation citation. A fund raiser was held with proceeds going to purchase new instruments for the Drum & Bugle Corp.

The Junior group did an outstanding job and received a Certificate of Miritorious service.